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(b) the number of motor cars plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1927 ;

(c) the number of motor buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1927 ;

(d) the number of accidents (i) to motor cars and (ii) to motor buses in Madras City and in each district of the Presidency attended with injuries to persons and loss of life in 1927 ;

(e) the number of persons who have suffered injuries, and of those whose lives were lost as the result of motor car and motor bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1927 ;

(f) the main causes of these accidents in the order of their frequency ; and

(g) what steps Government propose to take to prevent or check at least the most frequent causes having regard to the very recent bus accidents in Madras City, etc. ?

A.—(a) to (f) The information is furnished.[a]

(g) The question is under consideration.

Police

Association of Police officers for their amelioration.

*1670 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any association of police officers is working now for the amelioration of that department ; and

(b) whether any existed some time back, and whether the Government encouraged it or discouraged it ?

A.—(a) A list[b] of associations of police officers recognized by Government is appended.

(b) The question is not understood.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 244 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Co-operative Societies

Travelling allowances drawn by Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

1671 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Registrars now working in the Presidency ;

(b) the districts under the charges of each of them ;

(c) the number of days they were on tour during the last year, that is, from January 1927 to December 1927 ;

(d) what is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of them during that period ;

(e) whether any and which of them tour on motor-cars ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 296–298 infra.

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(*f*) what is the railway fare paid to them as travelling allowance ;

(*g*) what is the rate of travelling allowance paid to them for tours made on cars ;

(*h*) whether there are any instances in which any of them have drawn travelling allowance in any month which will be either more than, or nearly equivalent to, their pay per mensem ?

A.—(*a*) There are nine Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies, eight in charge of circles and the ninth working as the Personal Assistant to the Registrar.

(*b*)—

Circles.	Districts.	Circles.	Districts.
I	Ganjam. Vizagapatam. Godavari.	V	Madras. Chingleput. South Arcot.
II	Kistna. Guntur. Nellore.	VI	Tanjore. Trichinopoly.
III	Kurnool. Anantapur. Bellary. Cuddapah.	VII	Madura. Ramnad. Tinnevelly.
IV	Salem. North Arcot. Chittoor.	VIII	Coimbatore. The Nilgiris. Malabar. South Kanara.

(*c*) *to* (*h*) The information has been called for.

Depressed Classes

Assistance to the homeless Adi-Dravidas of Tiruvannamalai.

1672 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the burning of two hundred and fifty houses in the Adi-Dravida cheri of Tiruvannamalai, Vellore district ;

(*b*) whether the District Collector of Vellore vetoed the resolution of the Municipal Council of Tiruvannamalai sanctioning pecuniary assistance to the sufferers ;

(*c*) whether the Labour Commissioner has taken any action in the matter ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to render any assistance to the helpless Adi-Dravidas of Tiruvannamalai who have been rendered homeless by the fire ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He consulted the Collector, who informed him that public and private help had already been given in adequate measure and no further assistance was necessary. He therefore refrained from making any contribution.

(*d*) They do not consider any further assistance necessary.

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Number of schools started for depressed classes till January 1928.

1673 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state how many primary schools, incomplete secondary schools and secondary schools have been established till the end of January 1928, for the educational benefit of the boys belonging to the Hindu Adi-Dravida, Adi-Andhra and Arundhatiya communities?

A.—The following list represents approximately schools started up to the end of January 1928 for depressed classes in general, including Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras, Arundhatiyas and Christians:—

District.	Number of schools.	Remarks.
1. Kistna	54	......
2. Nellore	38	......
3. West Godavari ...	20	......
4. Anantapur ...	9	......
5. South Kanara ...	53	......
6. Malabar ...	28	......
7. Bellary	57	......
8. North Arcot ...	34	......
9. Trichinopoly ...	132	......
10. Tanjore	277	This excludes two schools started exclusively for caste labourers.
11. Guntur	40	This excludes three schools for caste Hindus.
12. East Godavari ...	120	This excludes 11 schools for caste Hindus.
13. Madras	32	This excludes three schools for caste Hindus.
14. Chingleput ...	91	This excludes two schools for caste Hindus.
15. South Arcot ...	133	This excludes one school for caste Hindus.

Acquisition of lands for the house-sites of the Adi-Dravidas of Sathivilagam village.

1674 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what price lands have been acquired for the house-sites of the Adi-Dravidas of Sathivilagam village, Chidambaram taluk;

(b) whether the Adi-Dravidas complained that the price paid is unjustly high and exorbitant;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Labour has been petitioned to about the matter;

(d) whether the Commissioner of Labour has taken any steps in the matter;

(e) whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter; and

(f) whether they propose to suitably deal with the officials responsible for the state of affairs and prevent such occurrences in future?

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A.—The Government have no information and the Commissioner has received no petition about the matter. If the persons who consider themselves aggrieved will address the Commissioner, he will no doubt look into it.

Secretariat

Appointment of Muhammadan clerks in the Secretariat.

1675 *Q.*—D. K. Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many grades there are in the cadre of clerks in the Secretariat;

(*b*) what is the number of clerks in each grade;

(*c*) how many of them are Muhammadans;

(*d*) how many permanent vacancies occurred in each grade of clerks in each department of the Secretariat during the last six months and how many of them were filled up during this period; and

(*e*) how many of such vacancies in each grade were filled up by Muhammadans during the above period?

A.—(*a*) Two—

(i) Lower Division—40, 40—5—65—3—80.

(ii) Upper Division—70, 70—10—150—5—175.

(*b*) & (*c*)—

	Total number of clerks.		Number of Muslim clerks.	
	Lower Division.	Upper Division.	Lower Division.	Upper Division.
Chief Secretariat	31	13	5	Nil.
Revenue Secretariat	5	16	Nil.	Nil.
Finance Secretariat	5	18	1	Nil.
Law Secretariat	12	18	1	Nil.
Local Self-Government Secretariat	11	23	2	Nil.
Development Secretariat ..	4	10	Nil.	Nil.
Public Works and Labour Secretariat.	4	15	Nil.	1

(*d*) & (*e*) The information is being collected.

Irrigation

Proposed drainage sluice from the Palandurai main channel.

1676 Q.—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any drainage sluice was ordered to be constructed from the Palandurai main channel at the infall of Athukurichi, in the Palandurai anicut system, in the Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, as per G.O. No. 222 of 1923;

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(*b*) whether the above scheme has been countersigned by the District Collector of South Arcot;

(*c*) whether the Superintending Engineer of Tanjore circle has submitted any proposals regarding the same;

(*d*) whether the previous drainage channel was only about a mile in length falling into the Vellar river;

(*e*) whether the proposed drainage channel will have to be more than seven miles long and will not only cost an enormous expenditure, but will cause immense harm towards its whole length to cultivation by inundation; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to depute any responsible British officer to examine and report on the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but the sluice was to have been constructed 10 furlongs below the infall of the Athukurichi odai.

(*b*) The papers before the Government do not show whether the Collector countersigned the estimate for the scheme.

(*c*) Revised proposals have been received from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is under a misapprehension. The sanctioned scheme and the revised proposals are explained by the Superintending Engineer in his report,[a] dated 15th August 1926, which is laid on the table.

(*f*) No.

Police

Personal investigation of cases by superior officers of the Police department.

1677 *Q.*—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any rules have been made by Government prescribing personal investigation of cases by superior officers of the Police department; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay them on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Relevant extracts[b] from the Police Orders are placed on the table.

[For one more unstarred question, please see page 248 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Village Panchayats

Panchayat schools in Cheyyar Taluk Board.

*1678. *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of villages in the Cheyyar Taluk Board area;

a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 299–300 infra.

b Printed as Appendix V on pages 301–302 infra.